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In re application of: Masini

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Examiner: E. Robert

For: OPTIMIZING PATELLAR FEMORAL MECHANICS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE DEPTH
REFERENCING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are copies of the originally filed drawings with red ink markings to show changes for which approval of the Examiner is requested. Formal drawings are also enclosed, which reflect the proposed changes.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 1-6 with the following:

Figure 7 shows how one could actually alter the final implant as opposed to necessarily altering the cut. In this case, a distal position of the lateral femoral condyle 702 would be less than the medial femoral condyle 704 by an amount D. In addition, the trochlea would be deeper as well. A slight resection, of 10 millimeters, could be performed to that thickness of metal medially. Less metal would